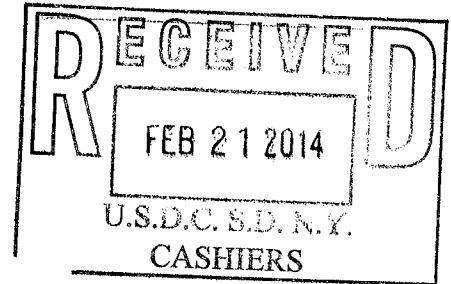


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TORTUS CAPITAL MASTER FUND, LP, :

Plaintiff, :

-against- : COMPLAINT

THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA, :

Defendant. :

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Plaintiff, by its attorneys, Milberg LLP and Snitow Kanfer & Holtzer, LLP, for its  
Complaint, alleges as follows:

1. This is a breach of contract action arising in connection with defaulted bonds issued by Defendant, the Republic of Argentina (the "Republic"). The bonds covered by this Complaint are in addition to those covered in 13 CV 8595 (TPG).

Parties

2. Plaintiff, Tortus Capital Master Fund, LP, is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

3. Defendant is a foreign state as defined in 28 U.S.C. § 1603(a).

Jurisdiction and Venue

4. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1330.

5. Venue is proper in this district by agreement of the parties and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(f).

Facts

6. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114AZ32, in the face amount of \$113,000.00, with a maturity date of December 4, 2005, and a coupon rate of 11% (the “2005 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to a Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of October 19, 1994 (the “1994 FAA”).

7. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114AN02, in the face amount of \$1,286,000.00, with a maturity date of October 9, 2006, and a coupon rate of 11% (the “2006 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to the 1994 FAA.

8. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114GA27, in the face amount of \$275,000.00, with a maturity date of June 15, 2015, and a coupon rate of 11-3/4% (the “2015 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to the 1994 FAA.

9. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114AR16, in the face amount of \$1,100,000.00, with a maturity date of January 30, 2017, and a coupon rate of 11-3/8% (the “2017 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to the 1994 FAA.

10. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114GG96, in the face amount of \$210,000.00, with a maturity date of June 19, 2018, and a coupon rate of 12-1/4% (the “2018 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to the 1994 FAA.

11. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114FB19, in the face amount of \$100,000.00, with a maturity date of February 1, 2020, and a coupon rate of 12% (the “2020 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to the 1994 FAA.

12. Plaintiff owns certain bonds, ISIN No. US040114AV28, in the face amount of \$350,000.00, with a maturity date of September 19, 2027, and a coupon rate of 9-3/4% (the “2027 Bonds”), which were issued by the Republic pursuant to the 1994 FAA.

13. The 2005 Bonds, 2006 Bonds, 2015 Bonds, 2017 Bonds, 2018 Bonds, 2020 Bonds, and 2027 Bonds are referred to herein as the “Bonds.”

14. The Republic was required to make principal and interest payments on the Bonds.

15. Pursuant to Section 12 of the 1994 FAA, the following are defined as Events of Default:

(a) Non-Payment: the Republic fails to pay any principal of any of the Securities of such Series when due and payable or fails to pay any interest on any of the Securities of such Series when due and payable and such failure continues for a period of 30 days; or

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(d) Moratorium: a moratorium on the payment of principal of, or interest on, the Public External Indebtedness of the Republic shall be declared by the Republic.

16. Section 12 of the 1994 FAA further provides that following either of the foregoing Events of Default, a bondholder may give the Republic written notice and declare “the principal amount of such Securities by it to be due and payable immediately” together with all accrued interest.

17. In or about December 2001, the Republic declared a moratorium on the payment of principal and interest with respect to all of its foreign debt, which included the Bonds. The Republic has failed to make any payment of principal or interest on the Bonds since December 2001.

18. There has been an Event of Default on the Bonds, and the Republic is in breach of its obligations under the 1994 FAA.

19. Pursuant to Section 12 of the 1994 FAA, by letter dated February 20, 2014, counsel for Plaintiff provided written notice to the Republic through its Fiscal Agent that Plaintiff owns the 2005 Bonds and the 2006 Bonds, and that those Bonds are in default. Plaintiff demanded full and immediate payment of all principal and interest owing on those 2005 Bonds and 2006 Bonds.

20. Pursuant to Section 12 of the 1994 FAA, by letter dated February 20, 2014, counsel for Plaintiff provided written notice to the Republic through its Fiscal Agent that Plaintiff owns the 2015 Bonds, the 2017 Bonds, the 2018 Bonds, the 2020 Bonds, and the 2027 Bonds, and that those Bonds are in default. Plaintiff declared the principal and interest on the 2015 Bonds, the 2017 Bonds, the 2018 Bonds, the 2020 Bonds, and the 2027 Bonds to be immediately due and payable and demanded full and immediate payment of all principal and interest owing on the 2015 Bonds, the 2017 Bonds, the 2018 Bonds, the 2020 Bonds, and the 2027 Bonds.

Count One

21. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

22. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2005 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Two

23. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

24. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2006 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Three

25. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

26. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2015 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Four

27. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

28. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2017 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Five

29. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

30. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2018 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Six

31. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

32. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2020 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Seven

33. The allegations in paragraphs 1-20 are incorporated here.

34. By reason of the foregoing, the Republic has breached its contractual obligations on the 2027 Bonds to Plaintiff and is liable for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

Count Eight

35. The allegations in paragraph 1-34 are incorporated here.

36. Section 1(c) of the 1994 FAA provides, among other things, that the Bonds “shall at all times rank pari passu” and that the payment obligations of the Republic under the Bonds “shall at all times rank at least equally with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated External Indebtedness” as defined in the 1994 FAA.

37. The Republic has breached those provisions to the detriment of Plaintiff and will likely continue to do so unless restrained.

38. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury from such breaches.

39. The Court should order specific performance of Section 1(c) of the 1994 FAA, and the Republic should be enjoined from violating those provisions.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

- (i) An award of damages in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest; and
- (ii) An order specifically performing Section 1(c) of the 1994 FAA and enjoining the Republic from violating those provisions; and
- (iii) An award of Plaintiff's costs, prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees, and such other and additional relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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